(a) whether any of the big industrial houses has submitted a proposal to set up an industry in the rural areas, especially in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). A total number of 477 proposals for the setting up of industrial units in backward districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh are at various stages of processing. This includes 12 proposals for the setting up of industrial units in the Rampur district. As a matter of policy, the details of cases under consideration are not divulged.

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Panel to Study Restructuring of Industrial Sector

935. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a panel to study the restructuring of the industrial sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Planning Commission have set up an Inter Ministerial Working Group on Industrial Restructuring on October 31, 1991 with the following terms of reference:

(a) to review provisions in the existing laws regarding labour relations;

(b) to review the role of the State and local governments in industrial restructuring;

(c) to review the existing regulations governing transfer of land;

(d) to review the prevailing procedures for liquidation under the Companies Act;

(e) to review the current procedures regarding rehabilitation of sick industries by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(f) to consider such other aspects as are relevant to overcoming obstacles to adjustment by industrial firms by way of restructuring, winding up and rehabilitation of workers, etc. and

(g) to suggest ways and means of brining about a smooth industrial restructuring including rehabilitation of workers through steps, such as appropriate terminal benefits for their retraining and redeployment in alternative avenues of employment, etc.

Incentives for Setting up of Industries in Hilly and Backward Areas

936. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new industrial policy has eliminated all incentives to entrepreneurs for setting up industries in hilly and backward areas;

(b) if not, the details of the incentives for entrepreneurs;